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1. INCLUDED IN PLANNING BY NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH OF AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION (AAA) FOR 1976 ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH U.S. BICENTENNIAL IS PUBLICATION OF SCHOLARLY BOOK ON AMERICAN REVOLUTION. BOOK WOULD CONTAIN SERIES OF ESSAYS ON THE REVOLUTION BY AUSTRALIAN HISTORIANS WHO HAVE VISITED U.S. RECENTLY ON PROJECTS OR GRANTS AND WOULD INCLUDE RELATIONSHIP AMERICAN HISTORY TO AUSTRALIA.

2. PUBLICATION WOULD BE EDITED BY DR NEVILLE K. MEANEY, SENIOR LECTURER IN DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AT UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY. DR MEANEY, WHO OBTAINED PH.D. FROM DUKE UNIVERSITY, ALSO PRESIDENT OF AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION. ACCORDING TO DR MEANEY, THIS WOULD BE FIRST BOOK OF ITS KIND PUBLISHED IN AUSTRALIA IN A FIELD WHICH HAS COME TO FORE IN THIS COUNTRY ONLY IN PAST FEW YEARS.

3. AAA WOULD HOPE TO HAVE BOOK AVAILABLE IN MARCH

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1976. THIS MEANS BOOK WOULD HAVE TO GO TO PRESS BY

JULY 1975 AND DR MEANEY WOULD HAVE TO START CONTACTING
AUTHORS IMMEDIATELY. AT PRESENT TIME, SYDNEY UNIVERSITY
PRESS INTERESTED IN PROJECT AND WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE
ONE-HALF PRINTING COST OF ESTIMATED PRINT RUN TWO
THOUSAND COPIES. TOTAL COST WOULD APPROXIMATE FIFTEEN
THOUSAND DOLS. THUS, REQUESTED GRANT FROM AGENCY WOULD
BE SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLS.

4. GIVEN LONG-RANGE MERIT THIS PROPOSAL AND WILLINGNESS
UNIVERSITY SYDNEY SHARE COSTS, POST STRONGLY RECOMMENDS
APPROVAL GRANT FOR THIS PROJECT, WITH CONCURRENCE
EMBASSY AND CONGEN. VIEW TIMETABLE CITED ABOVE WOULD
APPRECIATE AGENCY'S DECISION, OR AT LEAST INDICATION
WHEN DECISION MAY BE EXPECTED, ASAP.
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